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SUBJECT: TWA ACCESS TO LAJES

REF: (A) STATE 185631, (B) LISBON 4516, (C) STATE 143850

- 1. PER REF (A), AND AFTER AGAIN CONSULTING PORTUGUESE CIVAIR AUTHORITIES (BASTOS), EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED TO TWA GENERAL MANAGER IN LISBON, A. B. KRUEGER, THAT HE ENGAGE TAP COUNTERPARTS IN DIRECT DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT REACHING AGREEMENT ON TAP USE OF TWA VACANT SEATS BETWEEN LISBON AND LAJES.
- 2. GOP CIVAIR AUTHORITIES HAVE APPARENTLY NOT FOCUSSED FURTHER ON OUR INSISTENCE THAT TWA BE GRANTED CARGO AND FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS AT LAJES, OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME OWING TO PREOCCUPATIONS WITH TAP'S LABOR DIFFICULTIES. NEVERTHELESS, BASTOS EXPRESSED OPINION THAT MATTER COULD BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED AND WAS AMENABLE TO ECON COUNSELOR'S SUGGESTION THAT THESE QUESTIONS ALSO BE TAKEN UP DIRECTLY BETWEEN CARRIERS.
- 3. LOCAL TWA REP REQUESTS WE PROVIDE HIM WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF OUR SUGGESTION THAT HE BEGIN DIRECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSIONS WITH TAP. EMBASSY PLANS ADDRESS FOLLOWING LETTER TO HIM, BUT WILL DELAY DELIVERY UNTIL NEXT WEEK. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES PROVIDE ANY COMMENT, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THEM BY OCTOBER 4.

QUOTE: AS YOU KNOW, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS SUGGESTED THAT TWA UNDERTAKE DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH TAP ON THE QUESTION OF TAP UTILIZING, ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS,

TWA VACANT SEATS ON LAJES/LISBON AND LISBON/LAJES FLIGHTS. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, BRIG. BASTOS, HAS GIVEN HIS CONCURRENCE TO THIS SUGGESTION.

QUOTE: THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY HAVE NOT RESOLVED THE QUESTION REGARDING CARGO AND FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS. ACCORDINGLY, IT WAS AGREED THAT THESE TOPICS BE TAKEN UP DIRECTLY BETWEEN TWA AND TAP.

QUOTE: PLEASE KEEP ME POSTED ON THE PROGRESS OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH TAP. END QUOTE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES PROSPECTS FOR CARRIERS RESOLVING CARGO PROBLEM GOOD, BUT IS LESS SANGUINE ON FIFTH FREEDOM ISSUE. WE WILL AWAIT OUTCOME OF TWA-TAP DISCUSSIONS BEFORE PRESSING GOP FURTHER. CARLUCCI

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